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MEDIA REACTION

FOR IOP/M, IBS NEWS COVERAGE DESK ATTENTION AFRICAN

DIVISION PASS IPS AFRICA BRANCH

MARCH 16 EDITION FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY CAMEROON TRIBUNE
MIXES COMMENTARY WITH NEWS REPORTS OF ZAIRE INVASION:
QUOTE WHATEVER THE ACTUAL SERIOUSNESS OF THE QUOTE
AGGRESSION UNQUOTE AGAINST ZAIRE BY MERCENARIES COMING
FROM ANGOLA.. IT IS TO BE FEARED THAT IT WILL TURN INTO A
COLD WAR OR A HOT WAR IN OUR CONTINENT.
QUOTE ZOR ZAIRE HAS JUST ASKED THE UNITED STATES FORVILITARY
AID... QUOTE ANGOLA HOWEVER HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED HAVING
ANYTHING TO DO WIYGH THE AFFAIR.. UNQUOTE.
ARTICLE THEN ICTES ACCUSATIONS CARRIED BY VOICE OF ZAIRE
RADIO THAT FRONT-LINE STATES ARE MONOPOLIZING SOUTHERN
AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND TRYING TO SUBVERT
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHICH DONT FOLLOW THEIR QUOTE
RED UNQUOTE IDEOLOGY.
QUOTE THIS COMMENTARY (THE ACCUSATIONS) REVEALS THE

KIND OF FIGHT ZAIRE WANTS TO WAGE: TO CONTAPP QUOTE
SUBVERSION UNQUOTE FROM THE AFRICAN CONTRIES CONSIDERED
PROGRESSIVE. SUCH A DISPUTE IF IT BECOMES IDEOLOGICAL
COULD REVIVE ON OUR CONTINENT THE KIND OF WAR ANGOLA FOUGHT,
BUT ON A LARGER SCALE ESPECIALLY IF THE GREAT POWERS JOIN
IN THE GAME. THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY SAID IT IS NOT
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TAKING THE AGGRESSION LIGHTLY...1'
MARCH 17 A.M. RADIO NEWS BROADCAST BEGAN WITH QUOTE THE GREAT
POWERS ARE NO LONGER HIDING THEIR INTEREST IN THE CONFLICT IN
ZAIRE UNKPOTE CITING VANCE MARCH 16 STATEMENT WHICH IT REPORTS AS
QUOTE THE U.S. CONSIDERS ZAIRE S COPPERHES THE PRINCIPLE THING
AT STAKE IN THE CONFLICT UNQUOTE. BROADCAST ADDS THAT U.S. HAS
SENT TWO MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF QUOTE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN

EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE.
MARCH 17 CAMEROON TRIBUNE HEADLINE QUOTE ZAIRE QUOTE INVADED
UNQUOTE WEST RESPONDS T
APPEAL AMERICAN AND BELGIAN ARMS UNQUOTE
REFERS READER TO TWO-COLUMN STORY ON BACK PAGE HEADLINED
QUOTE WEST RUSHES TO AID OF QUOTE INVADED UNQUOTE ZAIRE--
WASHINGTON XJD BRUSSELS HAVE SENT ARMS UNQUOTE.
STORY REPORTS U.S. SPOKESMAN S STATEMENTS THAT
U.S. IS ACCELERATING DELIVERIES OF MILITARY AND
MEDICAL SUPPLIES -MEDICINE, PARACHUTES, FUELS, TANKS
COMBAT RATIONS AND SPARE PARTS. ALSO CITES ZAIRE ACCUSATIONS
AGAINST CUBA, AND CONFLICTING REPORTS OF INVASION
AND SERIOUS OF COMBAT AS WELL AS REPORTS OF
BELGIAN ARMS SHIPMENTS AND FRENCH CONSIDERATION OF
MOBILIZATION REQUESTS.
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